

sort, rather than try to carry on certain kinds of production there inefficiently due to subsidies.

Chairman PROXMIRE. No, no; I am thinking of something else. You are from Michigan, is that right?

Mr. BOLTON. No; I am from Massachusetts.

Chairman PROXMIRE. You are from Massachusetts. Mr. Suits is the man from Michigan. Well, Massachusetts I am sure has the same situation that upper Wisconsin has in some of its areas, perhaps even more intensively.

I am thinking of a town that used to be a mining town in northern Wisconsin. The level of education is high, the level of skills are high. The people like the town. It is on Lake Superior. It is a beautiful place. It has real recreational possibilities, with imagination and capital. It would seem to me that we ought to take a very long look at this situation before we conclude that it is just uneconomical, because obviously they can't mine anymore, and just walk away from it.

Mr. BOLTON. I would agree with that. I wasn't saying that. In all of these areas there is a lot of capital, especially public capital, and there is perhaps a skilled and educated labor force which might be converted into other kinds of production. But you know, I think we have to make sure that there is some capability there, and if we simply have a blanket policy to save every area, we are being somewhat callous to the taxpayer and all the other citizens who have to suffer the wastes of such inefficiency.

There would be a difficult problem there of balancing the few against the many. I, for one, would not want to be an administrator who had to carry out the kind of hard look that I am suggesting. It would be very difficult politically. But as I say, if you do have a blanket policy, which would penalize all the rest of the country, then I think that would be wrong also.

Representative GRIFFITHS. I asked Mr. Wirtz in general meetings on the Economic Report if any of the money had been used to transfer people from one area to another, and there hasn't been.

Mr. BOLTON. My impression is that this has not been a common strategy.

Representative GRIFFITHS. They just won't leave.

Mr. BOLTON. You know, I consider myself a very humane person, Senator.

Chairman PROXMIRE. I am sure you are. You wouldn't be teaching at Williams, is that right?

Mr. BOLTON. Yes.

Chairman PROXMIRE. If you weren't humane.

Mr. BOLTON. And I would say that if we try very hard, and if in the end the people do not move, then I don't want to leave them in the lurch. I would want to help them, but I think we ought to try very hard. That is all I am saying.

Chairman PROXMIRE. We are not arguing about helping people because I am sure you want to help them as much as I do, or more. What I am talking about is whether or not we shouldn't consider the economic viability of an area.

Mr. BOLTON. I think you should.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Because a defense industry has moved out, there are other alternatives that you can consider that are just as pro-